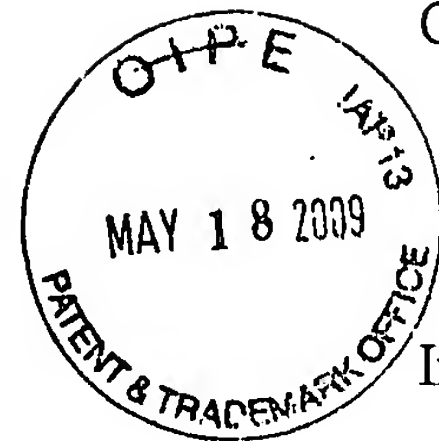


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2008, the due date for response to which is May 12, 2009, by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.